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FOR CONTROL OFFICER OF TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

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SUBJ: TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: PROGRAM IN INDIA

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR INDIA.

2. PROGRAM FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 6:

2010 ARRIVE PALAM AIRPORT

DEPUTY SECRETARY GARDNER TO BE TRANSPORTED TO

ASHOKA HOEL BY CARC OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY BY BUS.

EVENING: FREE FOR DINNER AT ASHOKA HOTEL OR ELSEWHERE. THERE

ARE SEVERAL RESTAURANTS AT THE ASHOKA: THE ROTISSERIE

ON THE LOBBY FLOOR SERVES INDIAN AND WESTERN FOOD;

THE SUPPER CLUB, ALSO ON THE LOBBY FLOOR, SERVES

WESTERN FOOD, AND THE PEACOCK GRILL ON THE LOWER

LEVEL SERVES INDIAN FOOD. NORTH INDIAN FOOD IS NOT

GENERALLY TOO SPICY.

3. AN EMBASSY OFFICER WILL BE IN THE CONTROL ROOM WHEN THE DELEGATION ARRIVES AT THE HOTEL TO PROVIDE RUPEE FUNDS FOR THE CONGRESSMEN TO PERFORM ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

4. WE ARE HAVING A PROBLEM TRYING TO OBTAIN HOTEL ROOM NUMBERS FOR

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THE DELEGATION PARTY BUT HOPE TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THEM IN TIME

FOR INFORMATION TO REACH THE PARTY IN ISLAMABAD.

5. PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 7:

0850 LEAVE ASHOKA HOTEL FOR EMBASSY

0900 BRIEFING AT EMBASSY

1010 COFFEE BREAK

DEPUTY SECRETARY GARDNER AND SENIOR TREASURY

OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR 1015 MEETING WITH M.G. KAUL

AND HIS ASSOCIATES AT THE MOF.

REMAINDER OF PARTY STAYS AT EMBASSY FOR BRIEFING

BY WORLD BANK RESIDENT STAFF IN DELHI.

1050 REMAINDER OF GROUP LEAVES EMBASSY FOR MOF.

1100 MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM

AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MOF AND OTHER ECONOMICS

MINISTRIES, INCLUDING RAILWAYS AND FAMILY PLANNING

OFFICIALS AT THE MOF.

(FYI: MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM WILL JOIN THE MEETING

AT AROUND 1130 WHEN HE EXPECTS TO BE FREE FROM A

PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE INDIAN CABINET.

MR. M. G. KAUL WILL CHAIR THE MEETING UNTIL THE

MINISTER ARRIVES. END FYI).

1215 DEPART BY BUS FOR FARIDABAD.

1300 ARRIVE AT ESCORTS, LTD. HAVE LUNCH AND VISIT

THE PLANT.

1545 LEAVE FARIDABAD FOR INDIAN RAILWAYS FREIGHT YARDS

AT TUGHLAKABAD.

1600 VISIT TUGHLAKABAD RAILWAY YARDS.

1640 DEPART TUGHLAKABAD FOR ASHOKA HOTEL.

200 INFORMAL BARBECUE HOSTED BY CHARGE.

6. PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8:

WE HAVE DONE A TRIAL RUN ON THE DAY'S VISIT TO AGRA

AND HAVE CONFIRMED OUR FEELINGS THAT IT WILL BE A

VERY TIRING BUT WORTHWHILE DAY. FURTHER COMMENTS

ON THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOLLOW IN PARA 7.

0800 LEAVE NEW DELHI BY BUS FOR FATEHPUR SIKRI, ABOUT

15 MILES FROM AGRA. (WE WILL PROVIDE SANDWISHES

AND SOFT DRINKS ON THE BUS RIDE TO FATEHPUR SIKRI.

1115 ARRIVE AT RATEHPUR SIKRI REST HOUSE AND TOUR FATEHPUR

SIKRI.

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1200 VISIT RURAL HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

IN A VILLAGE ADJACENT TO FATEHPUR SIKRI.

1220 LEAVE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BARARA.

1250 ARRIVE BARARA: OBSERVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PROJECTS, AND SEE TUBEWELLS, ETC.

1310 LEAVE BARARA.

1345 ARRIVE CLARK'S SHIRAZ HOTEL, AGRA FOR BUFFET LUNCH.

1440 LEAVE HOTEL FOR TAJ MAHAL.

1450 VISIT TAJ MAHAL.  
1545 LEAVE TAJ MAHAL FOR NEW DELHI.  
1915 ARRIVE ASHOKA HOTEL, NEW DELHI.  
2000 DINNER HOSTED BY FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM  
AT ASHOKA HOTEL.

7. COMMENTS ON ABOVE JANUARY 8 ITINERARY: AS YOU CAN SEE, JANUARY 8 IS A FULL DAY. WHILE ON FIRST GLANCE GROUP MAY FEEL DISPOSED TO DISPENSE WITH TOUR OF FATEHPUR SIKRI WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT GROUP KNOWS WHAT IT IS. FATEHPUR SIKRI WAS THE CITY BUILT BY THE MOGHUL EMPEROR AKBAR BETWEEN 1571 AND 1585 AS HIS CAPITAL. AKBAR THEN TRANSFERRED HIS CAPITAL ELSEWHERE AND LEFT BEHIND ONE OF THE MOST MAGNIFICENT DESERTED PALACE COMPLEXES IN THE WORLD. IT IS PRESERVED TODAY LARGELY AS IT WAS IN 1585. WE THINK IT IS WELL WORTH A VISIT BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCRATCH IT IN THE INTEREST OF LOOSENING UP THE DAY SOMEWHAT PLEASE LET US KNOW. ALTERNATIVE TO SCRATCHING FATEHPUR SIKRI WOULD BE TO START THE DAY EARLIER, SAY 0730. HOWEVER, UNLESS WE HEAR FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY WE WILL PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THE SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 6. WE ARE TRYING TO GET DINNER POSTPONED UNTIL 2030.

8. PROGRAM FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 9:  
0945 LEAVE ASHOKA HOTEL FOR PALAM AIRPORT.  
1030 DEPART NEW DELHI FOR BOMBAY.  
1215 ARRIVE BOMBAY AIRPORT AND PROCEED TO TAJ MAHAL HOTEL.  
1400 DEPART TAJ MAHAL HOTEL FOR BOMBAY PORT.  
1410 ARRIVE BOMBAY PORT (BALLARD PIER).  
1415 VIEW PORT FROM SEA.  
1445 TOUR DOCKS BY VEHICLE.  
1515 DISCUSSION IN BOMBAY PORT BOARD ROOM.  
1545 DEPART FOR ICICI.  
1600 BRIEFING AT ICICI.  
1630 LEAVE ICICI FOR RETURN TO TAJ MAHAL HOTEL.

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2030 DINNER BY ICICI CHAIRMAN PAREKH AT TAJ MAHAL HOTEL.

9. PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 10:  
0900 LEAVE TADKMAHAL HOTEL FOR BOMBAY AIRPORT.  
1000 DEPART BOMBAY FOR ATHENS.

10. WIVES PROGRAM FOR DELHI ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 IS BEING PREPARED BUT WILL REMAIN SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO MEET ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS.  
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